GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4167
ANSWERED ON:24.08.2005
CASUAL LABOURERS OF LOHIABAD POWER PLANT
Dubey Shri Chandra Shekhar

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether M/s. Bharat Coking Coal Limited had taken over Lohiabad Power House of Bihar State Electricity Board on 1.10.1980;

(b) if so, whether a total number of 636 employees were on the roll of Power House including 420 permanent and 216 Casual Workers at the time when the said plant was undertaken;

(c) whether all the Casual Workers were given all benefits such as salary, perks & other fringe benefits at a par with the permanent employees;

(d) if so, the present status of the 216 Casual workers;

(e) whether there was any break in services before completing 240 days in open area and 190 days in underground mines as per Government guidelines for getting the benefits of permanent job; and

(f) if not, the complete details of their initial date of appointment/ contract as Casual Workers and the reasons for not regularizing their services as per the Directives of Government of India?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a): As informed by Coal India Limited (CIL), Loyabad Power House of Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) had come under the management of Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) on 1.10.1980 for improving the generation of power but the ownership of the said power plant remained vested with BSEB till 31.3.1992. On 1.4.1992 again the Power House of Loyabad was taken back by BSEB.

(b): No, Sir. On 1.10.1980 a total number of 629 permanent and 323 casual workers were on the roll of the Loyabad Power House.

(c): while some of the casual workers were given the benefit of category -I wages oi National Coal Wage Agreement, others were drawing consolidated pay as per their basic pay at BSEB.

(d)- (f): After the BSEB took over the management of the Loyabad Power House, 214 casual workers remained with BCCL. They continued in the roll of BCCL on account of the Central Government Industrial Tribunal award and subsequently removed when the Hon`ble High Court set aside the award. However, presently they are being allowed to continue pending arbitration in the matter by a retired Supreme Court Judge.